Learning Supports Kick-Off – September 9, 2009

SAFE, HEALTHY, CARING LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOSTERING ACCESS AND SUCCESS IN THE IOWA CORE CURRICULUM

Directions

Highway 30 to
Exit 146
Right on University
Boulevard
North to Scheman
Left on Center Drive

Detailed directions located at: http://www.center.ia state.edu/newsite/gu ests/maps.asp

AGENDA Wednesday - September 9th 2009 Scheman Center, Ames, Iowa Registration 8:00-8:30 am Welcome and Opening Remarks 8:30-9:00 am Iowa Department of Education The Power of Mindsets: Strategies for Nurturing, Self-Discipline, and Resilience in Children/Youth 9:00-Noon Dr. Robert Brooks, Harvard Medical School Lunch Provided Noon-12:45 pm Our Journey of High School Redesign 1:00-3:00 pm Bill Brooks, HS Redesign Coordinator, Truman High School Kristel Barr, Principal, Truman High School, Independence, MO From Puzzle to Picture 3:15-3:45 pm Iowa Department of Education Clicking into the Right Tools: Next Steps 3:45-4:30 pm Iowa Department of Education Reception - Scheman Center 4:45-5:45 pm

Calendar for 2009-2011

2009-2010	EVENT OR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	PERSONNEL	2010-2011
SEPTEMBER 9, 2009	Learning Supports Kick-Off	Open to ALL	OCTOBER 6-7, 2010
September, November January, April	ABA Strategy Training for Model Sites	Selected Sites Only	TBD
October, December, April	Mental Health Wraparound Training	Selected Sites only	TBD
JANUARY 26-27, 2010	PBIS, Safe, Healthy, Caring Learning Environments – Workshop/Conference	Open to ALL	JANUARY 25-26, 2011
APRIL 28-30, 2010	Learning Supports Celebration – Workshop/Conference	Day 1: AEA Only Days 2-3: Open to ALL	APRIL 26-28, 2011
Monthly – 4 th Tuesday	PBIS Leadership Team*	Members Only	Monthly – 4 th Tuesday
Monthly	PBIS Training for Coaches and Trainers	Trainers and Coaches	Monthly
Monthly	Challenging Behavior Specialist Training	AEA Consultants only	Monthly
Bi-Monthly – 3 rd Wednesday	Learning Supports Advisory Team**	Members Only	Bi-Monthly – 3 rd Wednesday



Relationships:

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REGISTRATION (No Cost)

To register for the Fall Kick-Off:

- 1) Go to: http://www.iowa.gov/educate
- 2) Select Learning Supports (left menu item)
- 3) Select Learning Supports Initiative

OR, go directly to:

http://www.iowa.gov/educate/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=498&Itemid=1296

Lunch will be provided, and reception will follow.

Reservations are available at the following hotels:

- Comfort Inn-\$69.99 (515) 232-0689
- Gateway Hotel-\$89.00 (515) 268-2203
- Holiday Inn-\$79.00 (515) 268-8808
- Quality Inn-\$65.00-\$75.00 (515) 232-9260

*PBIS Leadership Team guides statewide PBIS efforts. Contact Susan Bruce if you would like to be part of this team.

**Learning Supports Advisory Team is a cross-state agency and state stakeholder team that guides Learning Supports efforts. Contact Cyndy Erickson if you would like to b part of this team.





Iowa Department of Education

LEARNING SUPPORTS AND THE IOWA CORE CURRICULUM

"Each student is entitled to receive the supports needed to ensure that he or she has an equal opportunity to learn and to succeed in school... If every student in every school and community in lowa is to achieve at high levels, we must rethink how student supports are organized and delivered to address barriers to learning." --Judy Jeffrey, 2004

The lowa vision for Learning Supports includes a continuum of supports for all students that promotes (1) student learning in the lowa Core Curriculum, (2) healthy development, and (3) success in school and in life. The Department of Education and Area Education Agencies are partnering to bring this vision to reality for lowa schools. The vision, and focus for 2009-10, includes Safe, Healthy, and Caring Learning Environments as one of six content areas for Learning Supports.

To enhance this content area statewide, schools will be supported in developing a continuous improvement process that includes using data to identify key school climate needs, identifying available resources at school and in the community, matching strategies with needs, and evaluating strategies. The work is aligned with statewide results and indicators developed by the *lowa Collaboration for Youth Development* and brings together multiple DE initiatives.

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TRUMAN HIGH SCHOOL, INDEPENDENCE, MO Presentation: 1-3pm

The journey of high school redesign is full of both philosophical and practical challenges. Truman High School began its redesign in the fall of 2004, which led to changes in classroom practices and produced exciting results for students. Presenters from Truman will share essential elements, explicit actions, and detailed results associated with their high school redesign efforts. The goals in this presentation are to affirm current practices, challenge existing thinking, and encourage continued high school redesign. Truman High School was named a Model School in 2009 by the International Center for Leadership in Education.



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THE POWER OF MINDSETS: Strategies for Nurturing Motivation, Self-Discipline, and Resilience in Students Presentation: 9am-Noon

In his presentation, Dr. Brooks will describe the mindset of educators and other professionals who are effective in working with students, particularly those who are at-risk and with special needs. He will describe (a) the importance of empathy in understanding and responding to students, (b) the need for a strength-based approach in which each student's "island of competence" is identified and reinforced, (c) a framework for understanding the key components of motivation, and (d) specific strategies for nurturing motivation, self-discipline, responsibility, caring, and resilience in students.

About Dr. Robert Brooks

Dr. Robert Brooks has lectured nationally and internationally to audiences of parents, educators, mental health professionals, and business people on

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topics pertaining to motivation, resilience, self-esteem, family relationships, the qualities of effective leaders and executives, and balancing our personal and professional lives. Dr. Brooks is on the faculty of Harvard Medical School and has served as Director of the Department



of Psychology at McLean Hospital, a private psychiatric hospital. His first position at McLean Hospital was as principal of the school in the locked door unit of the child and adolescent program. Dr. Brooks has coauthored over 15 books focused on students with learning, behavioral and/or mental health needs and the families and schools that support them. We are pleased to bring Dr. Brooks to lowa to engage in a half-day workshop specific to supporting each and every student to access the lowa Core

Curriculum by creating safe, healthy and caring learning environments. For more information about Dr. Brooks, visit http://drrobertbrooks.com



From Puzzle to Picture

Putting several components together to create a comprehensive system is challenging – with all the projects supported by the lowa Department of Education, how does it all fit together? The following DE components will be discussed: IDM, PBIS, Learning Supports, Challenging Behaviors, Mental Health, and the lowa Core Curriculum (District Self-Study)



Clicking into the Right Tools: Next Steps

The Iowa Department of Education
will discuss next steps in developing
positive school climate for all
students, including the following
tools: Continuum Mapping Tool;
Resource Mapping Tool; Data
Tools; Website and WIKI for support



REGISTRATION and CONTACT information

To Register, go to the Learning Supports link at: http://www.iowa.gov/educate

Problems with registration or general conference questions?

Contact Beth Buehler at 515.281.7143